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Mr. Herbert McDonnell,
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Dear Herb,

Your appearance in the Ray case as a defense witness was based on my investigation and analysis, which your examinations confirmed. It is I who first asked you to be this expert witness, based on my confidence in my own work and the reports I had received of you.

I now find that whereas you would not give me a set of prints even though I am the investigator for the defense in this case that you have made them available for commercialization by CBS.

I find this unethical on several grounds, one being that what CBS has already done is diametrically opposite the interest of the defense.

As a criminalist you should know that yours is but one part of a case and that cases are often decided other than they should be and without regard to what should be the controlling factors.

However, I am shocked at this kind of professional attitude and conduct and that you would do what could jeopardize a man's rights and the case. One of my purposes is to be certain the facts as reported to me are true, as they seem to be without reasonable question. Another is to let you know how I feel. Still another is to remind you of the protective order of the court.

If after all of this you are willing to do what I think you should have done to begin with, give the defense investigator a copy of thos prints, I would like one.

Sincerely,

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